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SUBJECT: FILBINGER STATEMENT ON ALLIANCE

1. SUMMARY: NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BUNDESRAT DR. HANS
FILBINGER (CDU), WILL MAKE FIRST SPEECH AS PRESIDENT NOV 9
AND INCLUDE IN IT A STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF NATO ALLIANCE AND
LEADING US ROLE. FILBRINGER IS DOING THIS DELIBERATELY BECAUSE
OF HIS CONCERN THAT US AND EUROPE ARE MOVING AWAY FROM EACH
OTHER, THUS WEAKENING MUTUAL SECURITY AND OPENING WAY FOR
NEUTRALIST TREND IN FRG AND EUROPE WHICH COULD BENEFIT USSR
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AND HURT GERMANY. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SECOND PUBLIC MOVE (FIRST REPORTED STUTTGART 925 (NOTAL) COVERING CDU LAND CONVENTION OCT 26-27). FILBINGER USED PRESENCE NEW NORWEGIAN AMB OFSTAD AND LARGE GROUP PUBLIC OFFICIALS, BUSINESS LEADERS AND JOURNALISTS ASSEMBLED FOR OPENING "NORWEGIAN WEEK", TO MAKE STRONG PRO-AMERICAN AND PRO-ALLIANCE STATEMENT. SPEAKING WITHOUT NOTES OR TEXT, FILBINGER UNDERScoreD COMMON GERMAN-NORWEGIAN INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY THEIR NATO MEMBERSHIP. HE SAID US IS MOST IMPORTANT AND STRONGEST MEMBER OF NATO AND THE SECURITY OF THE NUMBERS OF ALLIANCE DEPENDED ON US. HE REGRETTED RECENT UNFORNATE EXCHANGES IN PUBLIC AND FRICTION BETWEEN FRG AND US WHICH HAVE ADDED TO STRAIN. HE HOPED LESSONS LEARNED FROM THESE EVENT WOULD LEAD QUICKLY TO IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS AND TO MORE SOLIDARITY IN FUTURE.

3. FILBINGER TOLD CONGEN THAT HIS NOV 9 BUNDES RAT SPEECH INCLUDED PARAGRAPH SIMILAR TO REMARKS MADE NOV 6. ONE OF HIS SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS PROMISED TO GIVE US ADVANCE COPY. WILL TRANSMIT SEPARATELY WHEN RECEIVED. RUCHTI

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